B Lisa
Anniversary
WHA
Blush
GRAB
AH!
IT MEANS I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.
GEEZ,
THIS MEANS INCEST...
INCEST? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
!!
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... for the confession of the year

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Okaasan!
Wishing you
the best, B

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"OKUBYOU NA YUBISAKI"
Presented by MINA NOMORI

HEY, HASHIBAMI!
I BROUGHT LAST WEEK'S MAGAZINE THAT YOU SAID YOU HAVEN'T READ YET!
OH, THANKS!
IT'S HASHIBAMI! DIDN'T YOU LIKE HIM BEFORE?
WELL... IN JUNIOR HIGH, I THOUGHT HE WAS A PRETTY GOOD GUY.
BUT AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, HE BECAME HARDER TO HANDLE...
HERE, TAKE IT!
catch!
KYA!

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okubyou na yubi saki

Oh.
SORRY
Wah!
Smack
Flop
HEY, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO THROW IT!
THAT'S DANGER-OUS!
Ha ha ha
Sorry!
SORRY ABOUT THAT...
IT'S OKAY
YOU DROPPED THIS JUST NOW...

Jingle
THAT WAS CLOSE!
THIS IS MY HOUSE KEY.
AH, THANKS!
YOUR NOSE IS RED!
SORRY ABOUT THAT
Huh?
HEY...
...Hashi-bami?
BUT YOU DON'T PAY MUCH ATTEN-TION TO WHERE YOU'RE GOING, EITHER.

At that time,
going to school
wasn t really fun,
But compared
to now,
It was much more
carefree...
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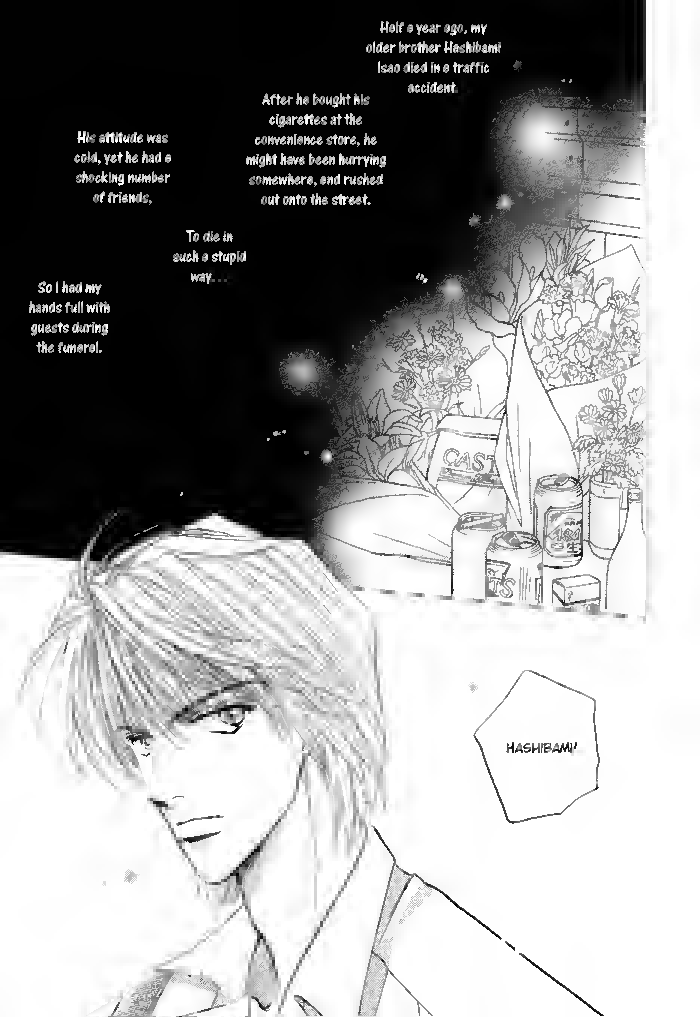
Okubyou
No
Yubisaki

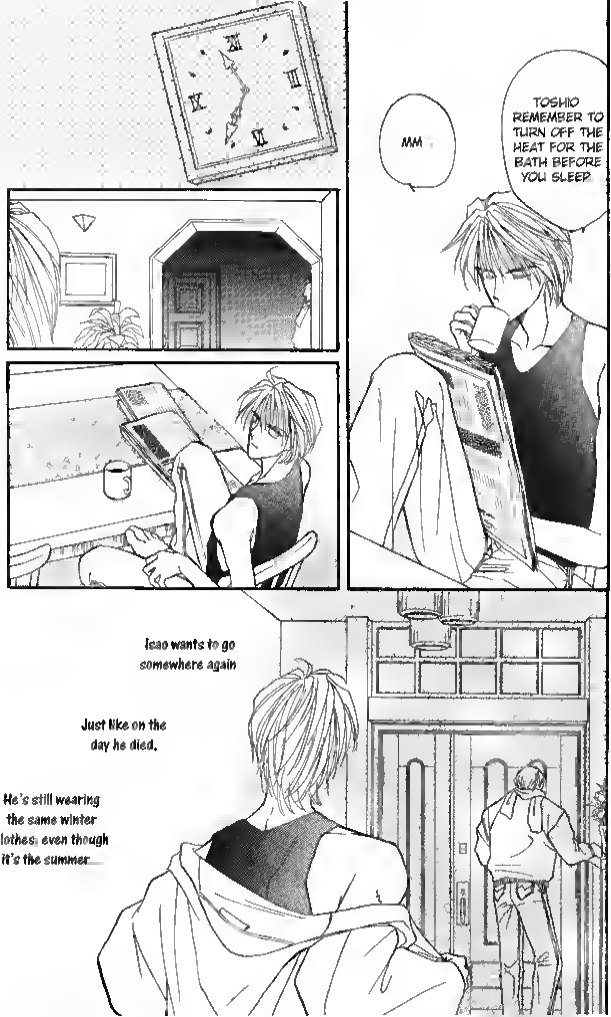

Half a year ago, my older brother Hashibami Isao died in a traffic accident.
After he bought his cigarettes at the convenience store, he might have been hurrying somewhere, and rushed out onto the street.
His attitude was cold, yet he had a shocking number of friends.
To die in such a stupid way...
So I had my hands full with guests during the funeral.
HASHIBAMI!

YOU'RE PROBABLY ALSO REALLY SAD BUT PLEASE TAKE CARE.
I'M FINE.
WE'RE REALLY SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BROTHER.
ISAO'S BROTHER? YOU LOOK NOTHING ALIKE
were handsome
YOU'RE ISAO'S YOUNGER BROTHER, HASHIBAMI TOSHIO, RIGHT?
YEAH.

The truth is, every week,

I meet with my supposedly dead brother.

On the Friday he died...


MM
TOSHIO REMEMBER TO TURN OFF THE HEAT FOR THE BATH BEFORE YOU SLEEP
Isao wants to go somewhere again
Just like on the day he died.
He's still wearing the same winter clothes, even though it's the summer.

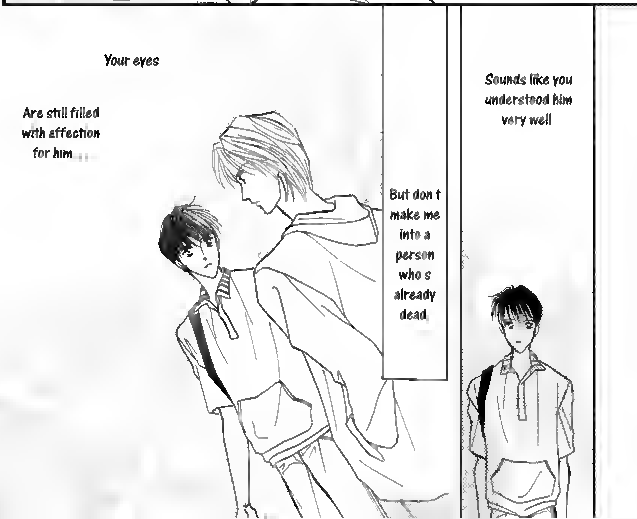
Turn
I've followed him a number of times, but,
I always lose him in the same place
It's that guy...!!

Ghosh
...
THAT WAS A BIT OF AN OVERREACTION
ARE YOU ISAO'S FRIEND? YOU ALWAYS CAME TO OUR HOUSE BEFORE
I'M ISAO'S
AH...

I KNOW! YOU'RE THE YOUNGER BROTHER ISAO-SENPAI WAS SO PROUD OF
YOU'RE ALSO IN THE SAME SCHOOL AND GRADE AS ME
OH? I ONLY KNOW YOU'RE MY BROTHER'S JUNIOR AT HIS PART TIME JOB
WE WERE NEVER IN THE SAME CLASS BEFORE, RIGHT?
YOU'RE VERY FAMOUS IN SCHOOL, SO I KNOW YOU BECUASE OF THAT ALSO...
OH... REALLY...
OH YEAH, I'M ASHINO KAZUSHI
ASHINO, HUH?
.....
YOUR VOICE SOUNDS A LOT LIKE SENPAI'S

HEY, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN GHOSTS BEFORE?
EH?
JUST THEN, I THOUGHT ISAO-SENPAI WAS REVIVED
!
ALRIGHT, I SHOULD...
I HAVEN'T
I DON'T HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR THE OCCULT
IS THAT SO?
(Then that's useless.)
ME TOO
WHY DO YOU ASK?
NO REASON, JUST ASKING
IT'LL BE SUMMER SOON
!
HASHIBAMI...

I THINK, WELL...
SENPAI... ISN'T THE TYPE TO HAVE REGRETS
OH REALLY?


Your eyes
Are still filled with affection for him...
But don't make me into a person who's already dead.
Sounds like you understood him very well

I'm really proud of you!
Having a younger brother like you is an honor!
The girls in our school want me to introduce you to them!
Toshio, I heard that you ranked 12-th in the mock exam!
That's amazing!
Even though you aren't as good as me in anything, how can you still smile so happily?
Really?
I'm ashamed of having an older brother like you.
He had little wit,
But there was always a crowd around him.
I also have a lot of friends, but he'd always had more.. What...
So he's in the same school as me...
Before, he frequently came to my house with colleagues from my brother's part time job.

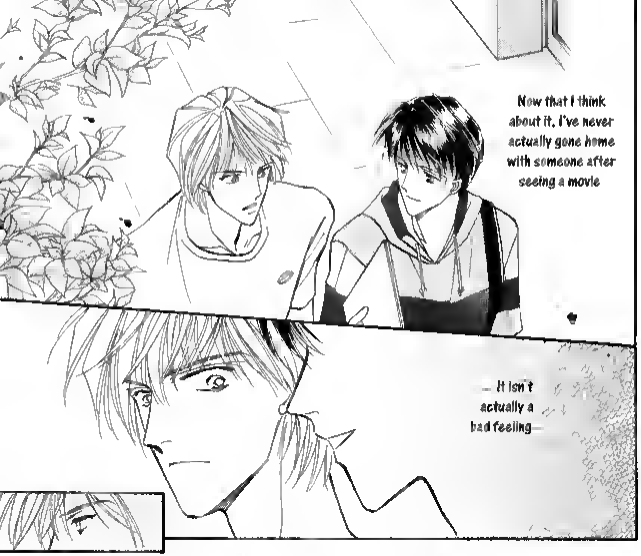
YO, HASHI-BAMI!
HUH? MOVIE INFORMA-TION?
WHAT KIND OF MOVIES DO YOU WATCH?
ADULT MOVIES
COME ON IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE MOVIES TO VENT!
YEAH!
WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE US TO SOME GIRLS NEXT TIME?
Shiva
I HEARD THAT, HASHIBAMI! YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO WATCH THOSE THINGS!
I WON'T, SENSE!.. I WAS JUST KIDDING..
TUCK YOUR SHIRT IN! ALSO... STOP BRINGING MAGAZINES TO SCHOOL. NEXT TIME I'LL CONFISCATE IT!

It can't be helped.
If I show them these kinds of movies,
They'll just think it's a bad joke
It's fun hanging out with them.
But I don't want to let them trample over something I like
LOOKS LIKE FUKUDA IS PRETTY NICE TO HASHI-BAMI
HE'S NICE TO STUDENTS WITH GOOD GRADES
IS IT TRUE THAT HE HAS REALLY GOOD GRADES?
IS HE BLUFF-ING?
WHO KNOWS
FINE
chatter

I'll head home after dinner
Tap
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! ARE YOU BY YOURSELF?
YEAH
ME TOO! I REALLY LIKE THIS DIRECTOR,
BUT THERE ISN'T ANYONE WITH THE SAME INTERESTS DO YOU ALSO WATCH THESE KINDS OF MOVIES?
Y-YEAH
IT SEPA-RATES A LOT OF LIKES AND DISLIKES
I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY GOOD IT'S KINDA LIKE IT WAS BOTH PLAIN AND FLASHY AT THE SAME TIME...
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE SOME-TIMES BUT IT'S STILL VERY DRAMATIC
DID YOU WATCH THE FIRST ONE?
Smile

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH. IT SHOULD BE A B-RATED SCARY MOVIE, SHOULDN'T IT?
IT EVEN SAID "ROMANTIC DRAMA" IN THE MOVIE'S COMMENTARY
Hahe!
Yeah!
HE DID LOOK LIKE A BEAST!
THAT ONE... A BEAST-LIKE OLD MAN SHOWED UP... WHAT WAS HE CALLED?
SLIP
He's not a big klutz, is he...?
That scared me.
T-THANK YOU
!!
Damn it... I should just hurry up and go home...
THIS GUY'S HEAD IS FILLED WITH IS...O.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Hey!
I'll leave you behind!!
THEN, ASHINO
SORRY!
YOU DON'T MIND?
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO GO BACK ALONE?
Originally, yes. .
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I don't think I can just run away
I JUST GOT ATTRACTED TO THAT POSTER...
I WANT TO EAT SOMETHING BEFORE GOING HOME. IF YOU'RE NOT IN A HURRY. .

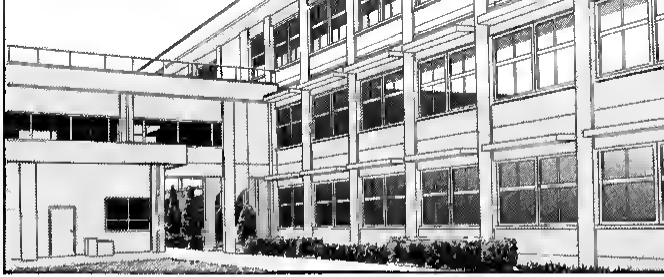
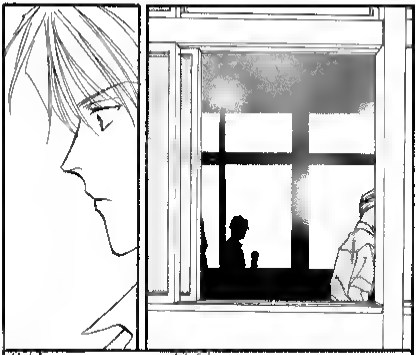


There's someone like this other than Isao—

I'VE GONE TO SENPAI'S ROOM A FEW TIMES
BUT I HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO YOU BEFORE, HAVE I?
ISAO AND I NEVER HAVE THE SAME FRIENDS
HM?
—THAT'S RIGHT

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS TOO, HASHIBAMI.
SAY...
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS STARING AT YOU OR ANYTHING.
BUT YOU WERE ISAO-SENPAI'S BROTHER, SO...
HM?
YOU SAID YOU KNEW ME FROM BEFORE. DID YOU NOTICE ME THAT MUCH?
.....
Grab
ARE YOU GOING?
YEAH.

I CAN'T STAND IT WHEN YOU KEEP COMPARING ME WITH ISAO.
AH...
.....
Clatter
Thanks for coming

HEY, IT'S HASHIBAM!
Surprise
COULD YOU GET ASHINO FOR ME?
ASHINO? DID YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER?
HEY, ASHINO!
DID YOU COME TO OUR CLASSROOM FOR SOMETHING?
YEAH—
HE DIDN'T HEAR THAT AT ALL—
THAT GUY'S ALWAYS IN A DAZE

ASHINO!
DON'T GET SO SCARED EVERY TIME I CALL YOU.
Rustle
CLATTER
AH!
HASHI-BAMI...

He didn't deny it...
YOU DIDN'T MISTAKE ME FOR ISAO AGAIN, DID YOU...?
LET'S TALK OUTSIDE
BUT THERE'S ONLY TEN MINUTES LEFT UNTIL AFTERNOON RECESS...
I guess he doesn't do these kinds of things...
.....
THEN WHY DON'T WE JUST CUT?
RIGHT?

I dragged him out here, but...
I don't have anything to say to him
...I WAS REALLY HAPPY LAST TIME
I JUST HAPPENED TO SEE YOU AROUND
NOT REALLY
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
Really?

ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THAT?
HUH?
YOUR CLASSMATE SAID THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS IN A DAZE,
BUT A FEW DAYS AGO YOU HAD A LOT TO SAY.
IS THAT SO...
!!!
I TALK A LOT WHEN IT COMES TO TOPICS I LIKE
AND I HAVE A PART TIME JOB SO I DON'T PARTICIPATE IN CLUBS OR GO OUT A LOT TO TALK.
SO, YOU MET ISAO THERE.

WHAT?
I
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DISCUSS YOUR BROTHER.
I JUST
I'M SORRY IF I UPSET YOU
ISAO ISAO IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE
HASHI-BAMI?

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHETHER OR NOT SOMEONE AS HELPLESS AS ISAO EXISTS.
I'M ACTUALLY GRATEFUL THAT ISAO'S FRIENDS WON'T SWARM AROUND OUTSIDE MY HOUSE AGAIN.
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT A GUY LIKE HIM?
.....
WHAT?
HEY! SAY SOME-THING!

I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET OVER YOUR BROTHER'S DEATH, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.
IT'S TRUE I'M HIS BROTHER, BUT I DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE SAD, RIGHT?
IF YOU WANT ME TO SAY IT NOW, I WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY IT CALMLY
I DON'T WANT YOU TO SAY IT CALMLY
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS!?
Why...

HE WAS GENTLE, STRAIGHT FORWARD PERSON.
YET HE PASSED AWAY JUST LIKE THAT...
THAT DAY...
HASHI-[illegible]MI-SENPAI...
EVERY-ONE ADORED YOUR BROTHER!
IF I HADN'T ASKED HIM TO COME OUT,
I...
I

HE LEFT TO SEE YOU THAT NIGHT?
!
I ASKED HIM OUT BECAUSE I HAD SOMETHING TO TELL HIM..
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET IN FRONT OF THE PARK I SAW YOU BY LAST TIME
BUT SENPAI NEVER CAME
I HEARD THE AMBULANCE SIRENS TOO...
THE ONES THAT DROVE SENPAI AWAY...
IN THE END...
HE NEVER CAME...

The reason
Isao leaves
every week...

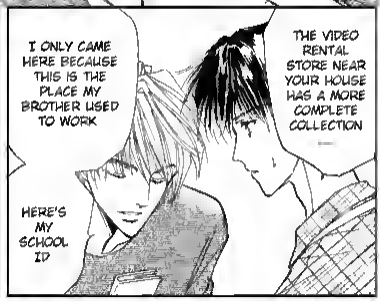
It must be to see Ashino
Just like Friday night.
The night of the accident
I MENTIONED IT TO YOU AFTER THE ACCIDENT. BUT YOU WEREN'T LISTENING AT ALL
HE'S A JUNIOR FROM ISAO'S PART TIME JOB RIGHT?
HM, I HEARD ABOUT HIM
HE WASN'T THERE AT THE TIME. SO HE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ACCIDENT. WHY DO YOU BRING HIM UP?
Every time,
When Friday comes...
YET IT FEELS LIKE SUCH A LONG TIME...
ISAO PASSED AWAY JUST HALF A YEAR AGO
IT'S NOTHING... I JUST MET HIM RECENTLY.

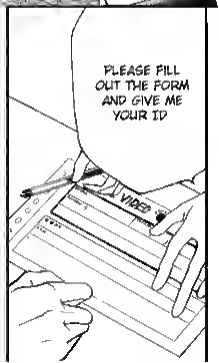
ASHINO,
DON'T IGNORE ME
I TOLD YOU NOT TO IGNORE ME!
Oh

HEY ASHINO ISN'T THAT HASHIBAMI FROM CLASS 1? IS IT REALLY OKAY...?
EH?
WOULD HASHIBAMI DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE STILL SO CARE-FREE.
JUST HURRY UP AND APOLOGIZE TO HIM
HE'S REALLY SCARY. IT WON'T BE MY PROBLEM IF YOU GET FLATTENED...
I WON'T APOLOGIZE
I can't stand it when you keep comparing me with Iz-no
I don't care anymore

But Hashibami saw through my superficiality...
Is he bothering me because he's angry?
But even so, I...
I compared its kindness to Isao senpai's.
He hit the mark.
I wanted that voice to call out to me
The parts that were similar, the parts that weren't...
It doesn't matter if someone like him exists or not
Hashibami...
That can't be it...
Even if it wasn't sincere, he still shouldn't have said that

I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER.
.....
Ring
RENTAL VIDE
SEX


I ONLY CAME HERE BECAUSE THIS IS THE PLACE MY BROTHER USED TO WORK
HERE'S MY SCHOOL ID
THE VIDEO RENTAL STORE NEAR YOUR HOUSE HAS A MORE COMPLETE COLLECTION


PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AND GIVE ME YOUR ID
VIDEO

So handsome
Look at that person!
.....
AH... NOTHING...
WHAT IS IT?
YEAH...

ASHINO, YOU CAN LEAVE NOW I'LL TAKE OVER.
OKAY!
SIR, YOUR CARD—
I'LL TAKE IT NEXT TIME
NOT EVEN A FARE-WELL?
OH—
GOOD-BYE!
YOU'RE REALLY MISSING SOME-THING IN THAT HEAD OF YOURS, AREN'T YOU!? YOU OCTOPUS!

DID YOU WANT TO GO HOME TOGETHER?
Honestly
NO. IT JUST HAPPENS TO BE IN THE SAME DIRECTION
BUT, I'M IN THAT DIRECTION, SO
BYE
HEY... Wait!!
EH?
BUT...
WHY DID YOU IGNORE ME TODAY?
YOU CAN SOCIALIZE WITH THAT STUPID BROTHER OF MINE. BUT NOT ME?
.....

HASHI-BAMI,
DO YOU WANT TALK ABOUT YOUR BROTHER OR NOT?
WHICH IS IT?
IF I MENTION YOUR BROTHER, YOU'LL BECOME UNHAPPY
BUT EVERY TIME YOU'RE WITH ME, YOU WANT TO DIG OUT THE MATTER
YOU'RE ALWAYS BAD-MOUTHING SENPAI,
—AND ALWAYS LOOKING AT ME WITH DISGUST

Fwish-
Fwish-
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN RECEIVE SOME KIND OF REDEMPTION?
IF YOU HATE ME FOR CALLING HIM OUT THAT DAY, THEN THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...
AT ANY RATE, DON'T BOTHER WITH ME ANYMORE IF YOU HATE ME
I ALSO WILL NOT SPEAK TO YOU ANY-MORE...
It feels as if...
Cold water has been poured all over my body

Never...?
THEN...
...
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE AFTER ALL THAT!?
YOU PISS ME OFF
YOU REALLY GET ON MY NERVES
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

AS ISAO'S YOUNGER BROTHER, I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE PRAISING HIM SO HIGHLY.
IS HE THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?
YOU'RE NOT GAY, ARE YOU?
YOU SAY YOU RESPECT HIM, BUT THE TRUTH IS YOU LOVE HIM, RIGHT?

I originally wanted to pick a fight with him,

So I intentionally said something to anger him.

But Ashino, he...

is really honest.

HUH?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
.....
YOU LIKE THAT BROTHER OF MINE?
SO THAT'S WHY HE'S NOT POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS...
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ISAO-SENPAI!
Blush

AH... COULD IT BE THAT YOU ENTERED THAT BIG GORILLA'S BUTT?
Ah! It hurts.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COVER YOURSELF?
HE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE VERY SMART...

SLAP
YOU'RE THE WORST...
Hmph...

DON'T EVER...
COME NEAR ME AGAIN!
I think so too, Ashino.
I already knew it...
Without you having to tell me.

Tick
WHERE
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ISAO!?
THAT DAY HALF A YEAR AGO,
YOU DIDN'T GO!
IF YOU GO NOW, YOU STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ASHINO!

TOSHIO, WHAT ARE YOU YELLING ABOUT?
I WON'T LET YOU GO TONIGHT!
TOSHIO!?
Step
TOSHIO, WHAT'S WRONG!?
ARE YOU STILL SLEEPING!?

SORRY FOR WAKING YOU, MOM.
This is...
The theme song of that movie I mentioned to Hashiba!!
I...
Really wanted to chat with him more...
Under different circumstances

ASHINO?
LOOKS LIKE HE ISN'T HERE
2-3
.....
YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO BE RUNNING AFTER HIM
SOMETHING WRONG? NEED ME TO HELP?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
ASH!

WAIT!
You
STEP
GET HIM!
dash
HASHI-BAMI!
RUN OR YOU'LL GET CAUGHT ASHINO!
CHE!
He looks slow, but he actually runs really fast.

Why am I so worked up?
DAMN IT...
GRAB
BANG

I DIDN'T EVEN RUN THIS SERIOUSLY IN THE PHYS ED SPRINT TEST.
HA—
YOU MADE ME RUN THIS FAST
Huff
Huff
HEY

WHY WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT I PISSED YOU OFF?
IF THAT'S TRUE THEN DON'T LOOK FOR ME!

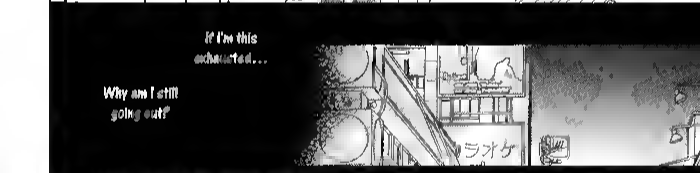
At that time...
There must have been something wrong with me.
ASHINO
Otherwise, why would I...

Shock
HASHI-
-TAMI!
I HEARD YOU GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH SOME-ONE FROM CLASS 3 TODAY.
IT WASN'T A FIGHT
A few people came to ask already
THE STUDENT ADVISOR WILL DEFINITELY COME FOR YOU

BY THE WAY, DID YOU LOSE A KEYRING?
HUH?
NOT ME I DON'T HAVE A KEYRING
THERE'S A NAME ENGRAVED ON IT
YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WITH THE SURNAME HASHI-BAMI, RIGHT?
NAME?
LET ME SEE
SHOCK
ISN'T THIS A SOUVENIR FROM A TOURIST RESORT?
IT'S REALLY CUSTOM-IZED!"
IT EVEN HAS AN ENGRAVED NAME AND DATE
LEAVE IT WITH ME
I FORGOT SOME-THING I HAVE TO GO BACK AND GET IT
It's more like bad taste, not a habit
Eh? Is it really Hashi-bami's?
Yeah
This is Isao's.
A souvenir from the place he went to last year on vacation...
*Sort of pun he's also referring to a strange habit/hobby.

……

So exhausted...
THEN I'LL SEE YOU AT THE KARAOKE BAR IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION!
DON'T SAY THAT THEY ONLY CAME BECAUSE I SAID YOU WOULD
THEY SAY THEY WANT TO MEET YOU
COME ON, THERE ARE WOMEN HERE!
RIGHT NOW? STUDYING OF COURSE TESTS ARE COMING SOON
YEAH IT'S ME


If I'm this exhausted...
Why am I still going out?
ラオケ

Why are you guys laughing so happily?
My mind is becoming more and more clouded...

Only the warmth of body fluids and entwined limbs feel real.
Ashino...
Did Ashino taste it before, too?
This feeling...
Ah
WAIT, HASHI-DAMI-KUN...
AH...

Ashino...
I want him...

ASHINO

I WON'T RUN.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO RUN AWAY?
I WANTED TO FIND SOME-ONE WHO I COULD TALK TO ABOUT ISAO
I COULD ONLY THINK OF YOU...

I'm so useless.
COME IN.
IT'S SMALL, BUT THERE'S NO ONE HOME RIGHT NOW.
...
Without mentioning Isao,
I can't even hold a proper conversation with him
HERE'S SOME TEA
OH THANKS
DO YOU HAVE BEER?
DO YOU WANT A DRINK?
YOU'RE STILL UNDER-AGE
DO YOU NEED A GLASS?
IT'S FINE
Coors
Coors

This side?
YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO SERIOUS,
BUT YOU'RE REALLY JUST STUB-BORN
...
HEY
?
IT DOESN'T ALWAYS LOOK LIKE IT BUT YOU ALSO HAVE THIS SIDE TO YOU
YEAH...
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT ISAO-SENPAI?
As expected, he only cares about matters related to Isao.
HASHIBAMI?
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT, BUT...

Surprise
WHAT'S WRONG?
Ashino's lips moved
The ones I touched before

CRASH!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK THEN PLEASE LEAVE!
TALK?
ABOUT ISAO?
DIDN'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT HIM?
OH, THAT

ASIDE FROM MY VOICE SOMEONE SAID THAT MY HANDS RESEMBLE ISAO'S TOO
HASHI-BAMI...?
THAT MY HANDS
HANDS! HAHA
...ONLY THESE TWO PARTS MAKE US BROTHERS...
...
ASHINO...

IF YOU WANT TO HEAR A GENTLE VOICE, THEN I CAN LET YOU HEAR IT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.
IN PLACE OF ISAO...
!

I
ASHINO
HASHI-
BAMI

Ashino.
AH, HASHI-BAMI!
STOP !!!
DON'T...

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
NO
YOU CAN PRETEND THAT I'M ISAO.
RIGHT?
ASHINO
...
DIDN'T YOU LIKE HIM?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
HASHI-BAMI
ASHINO...
I LIKE YOU.
!

I LIKE YOU,
ASHINO
I had to...
Cover Ashino's eyes.
Or else I'd have to show him my pitiful face...
ASHINO...
This voice...
Whose voice are you hearing in your ears?
Is it Isao's...
Or is it mine?
I LIKE YOU...

I like you...
Haa
Haa
ASHINO
Haa
I

Every time I call his name...
The eyelashes that touch my palm will shiver
It's offending...
Daarn!
RUSTLE
Che
You don't plan on looking at me, huh?

I'll
I'm going to be serious. If you don't resist me, I'll...
Seriously do it...!
You don't need to confirm who the other party is?
Um...
Ah...

Open your eyes,
And look at me...
Hmm
Hmm
Open your eyes.
Ashino...
Bastard!
Damn!
Hmm
Hmm
Open them...
Look at me!
In the end,
Ashino never opened his eyes.
Open your eyes...
Ashino...

Unsatisfied, I continued to torment him. But,
He didn't cry out anyone's name.
Neither my brother's name,
Or my name.
HASHI-BAMI...
SORRY, BUT... MY PARENTS WILL BE HOME SOON. YOU SHOULD...
YEAH...

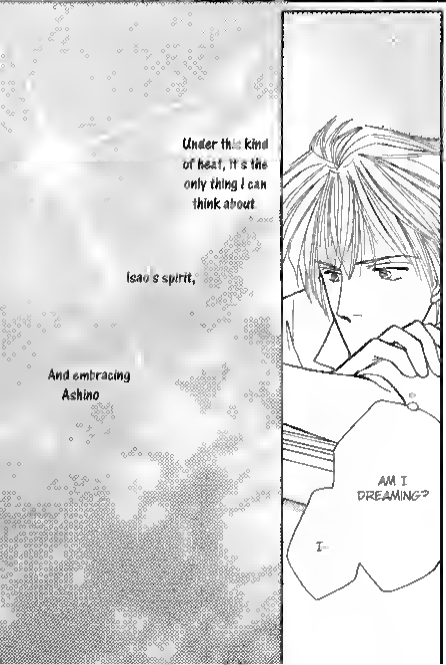
HASHI-BAMI
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
I SHOULD BE THE ONE WHO'S ASKING

Rub
...

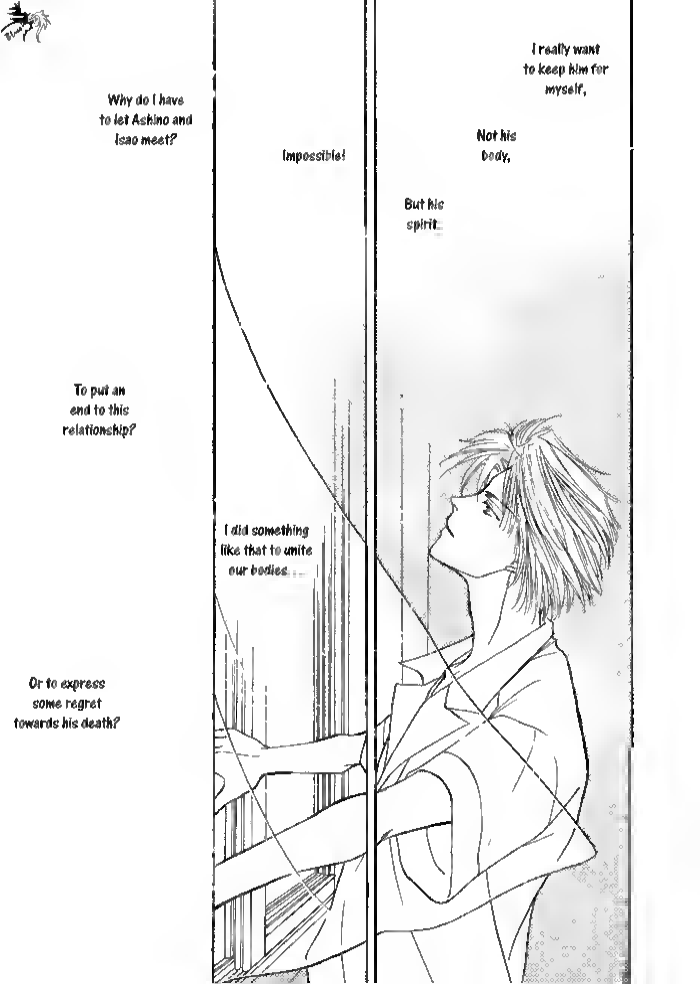
.....
ACTUALLY,
WANT TO SEE MY BROTHER?
HASHI-BAMI...
ISAO-SENPAI ISN'T SOMEONE YOU CAN SEE ANY-MORE...
FRIDAY NIGHT AT 11:30
GO TO THE PLACE YOU AND ISAO AGREED ON
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE HIM.
HASHI-BAMI...?
I'LL GO TOO.
LATER...

Ashino...
Will he really go?
Even if he does,
Will he be able to see Isao?
Next class is self study
Lucky
SLAM
Ashino...
I actually touched him

Even the parts that
Isao didn't touch,
I've touched them all.


I touched
him,
Opened him.
Drove deep
inside,
Under this kind
of heat, it's the
only thing I can
think about
Isao's spirit,
Entered the
depths of his
body.
And embracing
Ashino
AM I
DREAMING?
Again and
again
I-

OKAY! ASHINO, YOU STILL HAVE FOUR LAPS.
beep
NEXT TIME IN GYM WE'RE HAVING A RACE
WE'RE DEAD...
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU DIZZY?
I'M OKAY.
He really knows how to show off.
NO GOOD POINTS ...
That kind of thinking is only clouded optimism.
It's not a dream.


I really want to keep him for myself,
Why do I have to let Ashino and Isao meet?
Not his body,
Impossible!
But his spirit...
To put an end to this relationship?
I did something like that to unite our bodies...
Or to express some regret towards his death?

Will Ashino believe me,
And come to meet him?
Even if he knew I'd come ..
Step
Step
Che
HASHI-BAMI

Here...
Here...
He's here!
Ashino...
I...
...DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR REASON WAS FOR SAYING THAT, BUT...

EVEN AFTER SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED YOU'LL COME AS SOON AS I MENTION ISAO
ARE YOU TOO NICE, OR—
JUST STUPID—?
……
……
HEY… I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY BROTHER.
HUH?
I WON'T CUT IN AND INTERRUPT YOU AGAIN—
BECAUSE ONCE I OPEN MY MOUTH, NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OUT OF IT
…WHY DON'T WE TALK ABOUT MOVIES?
NO.
WHY DO YOU LIKE ISAO?
IF YOU'RE WILLING THEN LET ME HEAR WHY—

I
DIDN'T YOU SAY BEFORE THAT I'M VERY DIM-WITTED?
!
SO, THE STORE OWNER DIDN'T TRUST ME VERY MUCH. UNFORTUNATELY, I MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE...
THERE WAS A BOX OF NEW SHIPMENTS BY THE COUNTER. BUT IT WAS STOLEN BEFORE I EVEN GOT A CHANCE TO PUT ON THE SECURITY TAGS.
I WAS TOO CARELESS. IF THE OWNER WANTED TO FIRE ME, THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD'VE SAID.
BUT ISAO-SENPAI... EVEN THOUGH HE'S USUALLY NOT GOOD WITH WORDS, HE PLEADED DESPERATELY AND BOWED FOR ME IN APOLOGY..
EVER SINCE THEN, SENPAI ALWAYS LOOKED AFTER ME...

It angered me...
Made me extremely envious...
But I'm just so stupid for admitting it.
But I don't think that he was just trying to be a good senpai.
It's as if I can see my brother covering for Ashino.
Why did he do such a thing?
He was originally a hopeless person...
I GUESS I FELL FOR HIM.
I REALLY LIKED HIM.
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO SAY, BUT...

I understand

Meeting you,

Discussing movies,

Arguing over Isao.

I fell for you—

Only like this...

Fell in love—

Just this, Ashino.

IT'S COMING
HUH?

ASHINO!
SORRY FOR BEING LATE
BRR...
IT'S COLD OUT TODAY...
ISAO-SENPAI...?

EH?
AM I LATE? HOW LONG DID I MAKE YOU WAIT?
I GOT CARELESS AND LOST MY WAY...
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT IN THIS KIND OF WEATHER.
He can't see me...
Isao...
NO SENSE OF TIME
?
?
GEEZ...
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GOING TO COME
OH YES...
I TOLD YOU I'D ANSWER ON FRIDAY NIGHT, RIGHT?
BUT I PROMISED TO MEET YOU, SO I WOULDN'T BREAK THAT PROMISE
SORRY!

I see
Ashino confessed to Isao
WHAT YOU TOLD ME A FEW DAYS AGO...
I'VE CONSIDERED IT CAREFULLY
THE TRUTH IS, I WAS SCARED HEARING THAT FROM A GUY...
IT'S TRUE!
YOU'RE CUTE JUST LIKE MY BROTHER.
All of his bottled up feelings...
SO...
SO I...
BUT ALSO VERY HAPPY,
SINCE YOU'RE REALLY CUTE...
THAT'S
THAT'S ENOUGH, ISAO-SENPAI
YOU CAME HERE JUST TO TELL ME THIS
...I'M REALLY GRATEFUL

BUT IN THE EYES OF MY BIOLOGICAL BROTHER, I PROBABLY SEEM LIKE A REALLY USELESS OLDER BROTHER.
ISAO...
THAT'S GREAT...
RE
REALLY ?
I WAS WORRIED THIS WHOLE TIME THAT IT WOULD BECOME AWKWARD BETWEEN US...
IT'S RARE THAT I GET CLOSE WITH SOMEONE AS CUTE AS YOU. YOU'RE LIKE A BROTHER, SO I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE YOU
I'M...
I
brother...
Ashino ?
It's no use
He can't hear...

NO SUCH THING
I THINK HASHIBAMI REALLY LIKES SENPAI
HE KNOWS IT, BUT HE JUST CAN'T EXPRESS IT
EH?
I KNOW BECAUSE HE FREQUENTLY MENTIONS YOU
THAT'S RIGHT YOU GUYS ARE IN THE SAME SCHOOL
I SEE
HAH?
HE MEN-TIONS ME?
AND IT'S NOTHING BAD?

THEN...
I HAVE TO GO BACK
I JUST RAN OUT WITHOUT TELLING MY FAMILY
THANK YOU ASHINO SEE YOU AT WORK!
AH!
ISAO SEN..

AH... I THOUGHT... THAT YOU WOULD DISAPPEAR WITH HIM.
DON'T WORRY

Isao also disappeared just like that!

That day.

When my body tightened after being touched by another person's fingers—

I suddenly froze from the shock.

But when he touched me, I felt a sense of shyness

He was very skilled, and didn't plan on releasing me.

NEVER AGAIN.
SO PLEASE WITH ME
ASHINO,
IF YOU'RE STILL GOING TO THINK ABOUT ISAO, I WON'T BE THAT GENTLE WITH YOU ANYMORE
I was afraid of seeing your sorrowful look.
—So I couldn't open my eyes.
Your fingers stroking me, your voice calling for me,
It's different from Isao-senpai's
Even with your hot temper,
You held me tightly

ASHINO...
You say that, but.
Until I'm overcome with surprise,
You use that kind voice...

HASHI-BAMI...
HAVE YOU BEEN SEEING ISAO-SENPAI THIS WHOLE TIME?
I CAN'T TALK TO HIM
HIS TIME STOPPED ON THAT EXACT HOUR.
YOU PUSHED HIM FOR-WARD.
...
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME MEET HIM.
THANKS TO YOU, I COULD SPEAK WITH HIM ONE LAST TIME.
SORRY, ONLY I COULD...
I...
I WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY

Only you
can give me
A sweet and
hoarse voice,
brutal feelings,
And gentle,
timid fingers.

"優希と 浩矢。

描いてるとこうやって 心臓には 心はほど

時間は 違いこそあれ どっちが どっちのものか、誰でもが
もう わかんないんだろうなぁ(?)、愛あれば 満たされた気に 浸っていただけますように。"

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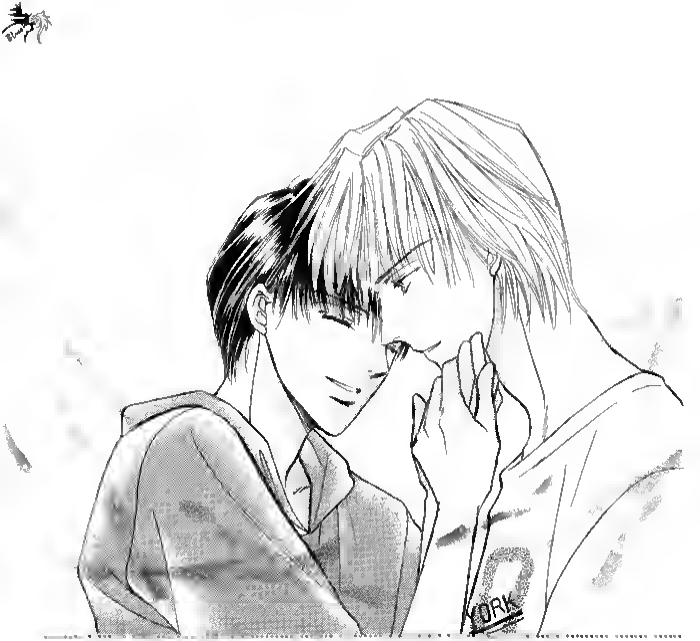

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言いたいことが うまく言葉にできない今 またこの先を描いていこうと 思います。

最後に読んでくれた貴方様に感謝を。また会おう、しましょう!

2000年 3月吉日 Kaoru Mimura
with love

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To Our Darling Kinky,

Leiko and Kurokagami thought long and hard about what to put in as your present. Sadly both of us lacked Komatta-goodness for you. Leiko, had the brilliant idea of giving you a shiny present.

Love always,
Kuro and Leiko.

Our little yaoi kitten is all grown up now. He can drink, gamble, and read yaoi legally now...or maybe not.
the staff of BLiss wishes you a...
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Kinky

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Hm?
TAKATOU-SENPAI, YOU'RE GOING HOME ALREADY?
IT'S RARE THAT THE LAST TRAIN IS EARLY, TOO
IT WON'T BE FUN IF YOU COME TOO
TODAY, I'M GOING TO THE STORE I FREQUENT TO CLEANSE MY MIND.
Eh
Take me along!
How could that be? I want to go with you!
TAKATOU-SAN!
Pure
ピュア

ピュア
Pure

THANK GOODNESS YOU CALLED THE AMBULANCE, BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY PUBLIC PAYPHONES AROUND HERE
No problem
ALL I DID WAS USE MY CELL PHONE TO CALL
HE SAID THAT HE'S FINE,
THANK YOU... BECAUSE OF YOU,
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR GRANDPA AFTER THAT?
七号
Since you already know just hurry up and leave!
Senpai, the store that you said you frequented is this vendor?
Tianjiang Chestnuts
HE EVEN ARGUED ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO COME HERE TONIGHT.
* Chinese municipality that's said to make the best chestnuts
EH?
AH... SENPAI DOESN'T WANT ANY?
COUGH
HE'S TOO LAZY TO EAT ANYTHING WITH SHELLS WHEN WE WENT TO EAT CRABS, I HAD TO DIG THE MEAT OUT FOR HIM. HE JUST
BANG
Sure!
Thanks~
Sugar
THIS FRIEND IS...
UM... SORRY ABOUT THE LEFTOVERS. DO YOU WANT TO BRING SOME HOME?

IT'S TRUE I DON'T LIKE TROUBLE,
BUT I REALLY LIKE CHESTNUTS, SO I'LL TAKE THEM.
DON'T BOTHER WITH THAT FELLOW
COUGH
COUGH
SUGINO RYOU-CHIROH-KUN IS 17 YEARS OLD?
I THOUGHT SENPAI WAS GOING TO TAKE ME TO SOME CLUB
HE LOOKS AFTER THE STORE FOR HIS GRAND-FATHER SOMETIMES
Heh
OUR CHESTNUTS HAVE A THIN SKIN, SO IT'S EASY TO PEEL
YOU HAVE TO EAT SOME!
I HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE GREEDY CLIENTS EVERY DAY SO COMING TO SEE THIS KID CAN CLEANSE MY MIND RIGHT?
THAT'S TRUE
The truth is I'm the one with the bad intentions
S-senpai, I have a Girlfriend!
But seeing him I was a little interested
Don't even think about dirtying an innocent highschooler's purity, Nada.
Mm! Yes, so cute, and delicate.

I'M HOME GRANDMA
WELCOME HOME RYOUICHIROH. YOU'VE WORKED HARD
THE RICE AND SIDE DISH WILL BE READY SOON. DO YOU WANT TO EAT?
But, maintaining a platonic relationship for the time being,
can also be interesting.
YES I DO!
IS GRANDPA ASLEEP ALREADY? HOW IS HIS CONDITION?
AH, HE KEPT SAYING THAT HE WANTED TO GO TO THE STORE TOMORROW

HE DRESSES LIKE SOCIETY'S ELITE, AND HAS AN AMIABLE PERSONALITY TODAY HE EVEN...
Hch
?
NOTHING ITADAKI-MASU.
CLINK
OH, IS THAT SO?
TAKATOU-SAN CAME TODAY THE PERSON WHO HELPED US WHEN GRANDPA FAINTED
IT'S RARE TO COME ACROSS SUCH KIND PEOPLE THESE DAYS. YOU HAVE TO THANK HIM PROPERLY
YEAH HE SEEMS LIKE A REALLY NICE PERSON.

WHAT?
IS THERE SOMETHING GOOD YOU'RE RELUCTANT TO TELL GRANDMA?
Just a little...
whisper
THE RUMOR ABOUT AN OPENING IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE IS TRUE
I HEARD THAT THE BRANCH OFFICE WILL TRANSFER SOMEONE OVER.
whisper
SENPAI...
RUMOR HAS IT THAT SENPAI IS THE NUMBER ONE CANDIDATE SAKAZAKI-SAN IS THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE
Sakazaki, huh...
We've had unbreakable relations since we were in college

I already know without needing them to tell me,
Since I'm a man, of course I'd want to leap into the first line...
Ah,
But...
Gen – That's a BIG client! Definitely marriage just to get promoted
I HEARD HE'S GETTING MARRIED TO S COMPANY'S KITAYAMA-SAN'S DAUGHTER
Hurry up and work
TAKA-TOU-SAN
MATSU-SHIMA HAS COME TO SEE YOU
THANK YOU
BEAT SAKAZAKI
Senpai, you can't lose to him!
GOT IT
LOOKS LIKE HE'S HERE TO COMPLAIN
If I leave, then it'd be very difficult to see him...
That kid...
TAKA-TOU-SAN!
GOOD EVE-NING
GOOD EVE-NING

RYOU-KUN, IF YOU HAVE TIME CAN YOU ACCOMPANY ME FOR A BIT?
THANKS TO YOU, I'VE COMPLETELY RECOVERED.
IS GRAND-FATHER FEELING BETTER?
I'M HUNGRY, AND EATING ALONE ISN'T VERY TASTY.
DON'T ALWAYS TREAT ME LIKE A SICK PATIENT.
IT WILL SCARE THE TOURISTS
RYOUI-CHIROH, YOU GO BACK
GRAND-PA
BUT I CAN'T DRINK
EH?
I WANTED TO ASK YOU OUT FOR RAMEN.
HOW COULD I MAKE AN UNDER-AGE PERSON DRINK IN FRONT OF MY ELDERS?
SORRY MY GRANDFATER DIDN'T THANK YOU VERY PROPERLY
IT'S OKAY
DO YOU WANT TO REFUSE YOUR BENEFACTOR?
GO! RYOUI-CHIROH
GRAND-PA
日栗

BUT BOTH MY GRANDPA AND MY GRANDMA ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO TAKATOU-SAN
YOUR FAMILY ONLY HAS THREE PEOPLE?
YES!
HAHA... PERHAPS THAT REALLY IS THE CASE!
OLDER MEN ABSOLUTELY WON'T SHOW OTHERS THEIR WEAKER SIDE
HE THINKS IT'S DISGRACEFUL THAT HE FAINTED NEXT TO THE STREET
WELL, I THINK THAT WAY SOME-TIMES ALSO
SEEMS LIKE IT... HOW DID YOU KNOW?
OH YEAH, THIS...
RUSTLE
BECAUSE I FEARED THAT YOU'D REALLY MAKE YOUR KOUHAI PEEL ALL OF IT
BUT I WENT OVERBOARD AND PEELED TOO MUCH
FORTUNATELY I SAW YOU TODAY. OTHER-WISE I'D HAVE TO EAT ALL OF IT MYSELF
YOU HELPED ME PEEL EVERY-THING?
Hehe

I WASN'T THINKING THAT...
THANK YOU I'M VERY HAPPY
SORRY! I DON'T MEAN ANYTHING BAD BY IT...
RYOU-KUN, YOU REALLY LOVE SMILING
YOU'LL HAVE TO FINISH IT AS QUICKLY WILL YOU BRING IT TO WORK TOMOR-ROW AS A SNACK?
Hehe
He's nicer than I'd imagined.
Although he didn't grow up in a rich community,
He's still very honest and open.

* Chashu - roasted pork fillet
Moyashi - bean sprouts
WHAT ABOUT JUICE? WANT TEA?
AH NO NEED
EAT SOME MORE WHILE YOU'RE STILL GROWING
NO, I
THE FOOD HERE IS DELICIOUS AND YOU CAN ADD A SIDE DISH WANT DUMPLINGS?
HM?
what?
OWNER, A CHASHU AND MOYASHI RAMEN WITH SOY SAUCE!* ALSO A MEDIUM BEER
OKAY!
THIS IS IT

STAGGER
TAKATOU-SAN, YOU'RE LIKE MY FATHER.
DO I LOOK THAT OLD...?
S-sorry!
The only person around me who wore a suit and a tie was my father
RYOU-KUN, WAS YOUR FATHER OF THE WORKING CLASS? WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?
MY FATHER DIED BEFORE THAT...
MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL
Here!
YOUR CHASHU AND MOYASHI RAMEN
I really like bean sprouts
LOOKS REALLY DELI-CIOUS! ITADAKI-MASU
SNAP

THEN
OKAY
AT A TIME LIKE THIS, LET THE WORKING PERSON PAY
TAKA-TOU-SAN, THIS IS MY SHARE FOR THE MEAL
Thank-ks
I'M FULL
NO NEED. I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU TO COME
BUT
AH!
I'M REALLY SORRY. NOT ALIKE AT ALL!
TAKATOU-SAN LOOKS MORE PROFESSIONAL. TALLER, HANDSOME, AND YOUR SUIT AND COLOGNE ARE MORE FASHIONABLE
ONLY YOU TWO ARE BOTH GENTLE
HAHA... THANKS!
DO I REALLY LOOK LIKE YOUR FATHER?
He's this happy over just one bowl of ramen...
Too easily deceived
IT WAS REALLY DELICIOUS THANK YOU!
SO YOUR FATHER WAS VERY GENTLE?
What am I saying?

It seems I can understand.
Why Ryuichiroh doesn't give others a feeling of lowliness.
RIGHT NOW, I STILL HAVE GRANDPA AND GRANDMA...
YES.
A smile that isn't forced at all.
This kid
And understands well to treasure his current happiness.
He doesn't get walled in by his own concerns.

THEN, GOOD-BYE.
I REALLY HAD FUN TODAY SO THANK YOU!
!

This is bad...
I'm actually this reluctant to let him go...
...
RYOU-KUN
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHESTNUTS. LET'S GO OUT TO EAT AGAIN ANOTHER TIME
OKAY?
GOOD NIGHT TAKATOU-SAN

Because he felt sorry that I'm always being bullied by senpai?
He peeled it especially for me?
Ryou-kun gave it to me...
I really have problems...
TAKATOU-SAN DIRECTOR MASUDA IS LOOKING FOR YOU
He is such a cute kid just like a chrysanthemum
NO ONE SAID IT WAS FOR YOU, SO DON'T EAT TOO MANY
SUCH A GOOD KID
I'm actually afraid I'll make him dirty.

I HOPE YOU CAN WORK HARD AND FIGHT FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
SAKAZAKI-KUN IS WITH DIRECTOR TAKAHASHI
YES I HAVE
THE CANDIDATES FOR THE TRANSFER TO THE MAIN OFFICE ARE YOU AND SAKAZAKI-KUN HAVE YOU HEARD?
And I don't dare make a move on him...
I've been pulled into the power struggle between the higher ups?
YES
I guess it can't be helped...

I HOPE YOU'LL LEAK THIS INFORMATION TO SAKAZAKI-KUN
EH?
On the contrary, the rate that this information is starting to spread,
Makes one suspicious
YES
OH YES, SAKAZAKI-KUN IS IN CHARGE OF Y COMPANY, RIGHT?
SOMEONE PROVIDED ME WITH A RELIABLE PIECE OF NEWS THAT COMPANY IS NOW COOPERATING WITH R COMPANY TO PRIVATELY CARRY OUT A DEVELOPMENT PLAN
R Company? Foreign business.
Is this really true?
BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WORTH EXPLOITING?
OF COURSE THIS HASN'T BEEN MADE PUBLIC YET.
NOW IF, JUST IF, THIS PLAN IS TO FAIL AND INCUR LOSSES IT'S UNAVOIDABLE THAT SAKAZAKI-KUN WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YOU SHOULD HAVE ONE OR TWO OBEDIENT KOUHAI RIGHT?
OF COURSE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO PASS IT ON DIRECTLY.
Y Company will be done for!
The director has a strong piece of information in his hands.

YOUR WAY OF THINKING IS TOO SIMPLE!
BAM
DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN STILL STAND OUT WITHOUT PLAYING CHEAP TRICKS!
DID YOU KNOW THAT SAKAZAKI-KUN WILL GET MARRIED SOON?
I CAN STILL WIN OVER SAKAZAKI IN PERFORMANCE AND GAIN THE COMPANY'S APPROVAL
NO NEED TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
ALLOWING MATTERS TO PROCEED SMOOTHLY IS YOUR JOB
NEWS LIKE THIS SHOULDN'T INFLUENCE HIM
BUT, SAKAZAKI IS A VERY STATISTICAL PERSON
HE WAS ALSO MY COLLEGE SENPAI, BUT I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT TAKATOU-SENPAI!
SAKAZAKI-SAN IS AN OPPONENT?
NOTHING, JUST AS YOU ALREADY KNOW
WAS IT ABOUT TRANSFERRING TO THE MAIN OFFICE? HOW DID IT GO?
SENPAI!
THAT IS TO SAY, THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH ONLY RELYING ON MY ABILITY?

Everyone is the same!
SORRY
SHINKEN
Noda, your joke is too much!
SENPAI, WHY NOT ALSO FIND A GIRL TO MARRY FOR THE MONEY?
Damn it... how annoying...
EH? AH...
ARE YOU FEELING ILL? DID YOU DRINK TOO MUCH?
HEY
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HERE AT THIS HOUR.
TAKA-YOU-SAN...
RYOU-KUN
TODAY'S BEER DIDN'T GO DOWN WELL.
I'M HEAD-ING HOME NOW.
I ONLY CAME TODAY TO HELP GRANDMA RUN SOME ERRANDS.
HAVE YOU CLOSED UP THE STORE?

TOMORROW IS A SCHOOL VACATION SO DO YOU HAVE PLANS?
NO BUT
YOUR HOME PHONE NUMBER..
YOU TOLD ME LAST TIME
?
RYOU-KUN DO YOU WANT TO COME TO MY PLACE?
Instead, it's more..
My head hurts..
I thought my mood would loosen up when I saw him But in the end, it's still no good.
THIS IS TAKATOU, SORRY FOR CALLING SO LATE..
YES
OH YES,
I CAME ACROSS RYOUICHI-ROH-KUN TODAY BY CHANCE
YES
YES, IT WON'T.
IS IT ALRIGHT TO LET HIM STAY AT MY PLACE FOR TONIGHT?
NOT AT ALL! DON'T SAY THAT..
YES, YES
Beep
YOUR GRANDMA SAID OKAY
WELL? WANT TO COME?

TAKA-TOU-SAN
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN TO YOU?
IT'S NOTH-ING BIG
IF YOU CAN KEEP ME COM-PANY THEN I'M VERY HAPPY
!
WAS I TOO UNYIELDING?
I WAS JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED
SUCH A BIG HOUSE... THE INTERIOR DECORATION IS ALSO VERY BEAUTIFUL
THE COMPANY RENTED IT AS LIVING QUARTERS
I'M HAPPY THAT I'M ABLE TO SEE TAKATOU-SAN'S HOUSE

UM
TAKA
NN...
!
NN
WOBBLE
Haa

TAKATOU-SAN
SHOCK

I'M SORRY...
!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME...
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU LIKE THIS
YOU DIDN'T HURT ME
TAKATOU-SAN I LIKE YOU,
SO...
THE WAY YOU LIKE YOUR FATHER?
THAT'S NOT IT!

EH?
I KNOW!
IF YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF THAT KIND OF DANGER...
YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW THAT IN A HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIP YOUR BODY CAN STILL BE EASILY INJURED
DON'T SAY THAT SO CASUALLY
I KNOW, THAT...
DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE, TOO.
HAHA...
HOW TROUBLING TURNS OUT...
.....
YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE?
... YES.
WITH A MAN?
YES...

I... HAVE TO GO BACK
Pain
IT'S ME WHO SHOULDN'T HAVE STEREOTYPED YOU SO EASILY
NO... SORRY
It's too funny...
I categorized him just like that...
He looks like a late-bloomer, and is just 17 years old, but...
In this era, sleeping with men isn't unusual...
SINCE YOU KNOW, THEN IT'S EASY TO HANDLE...
COME HERE

YOU AGREED WITH YOUR WORDS JUST NOW, RIGHT?
UM... TAKATOU SAN
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!
I LIKE YOU.
ARE YOU ANGRY?
Ryouichiroh Didn't lie...
I could tell just from his body responses.
TAKATOU-SAN!
WHAT?
DID I DO SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU MAD—?
WAIT
NN—

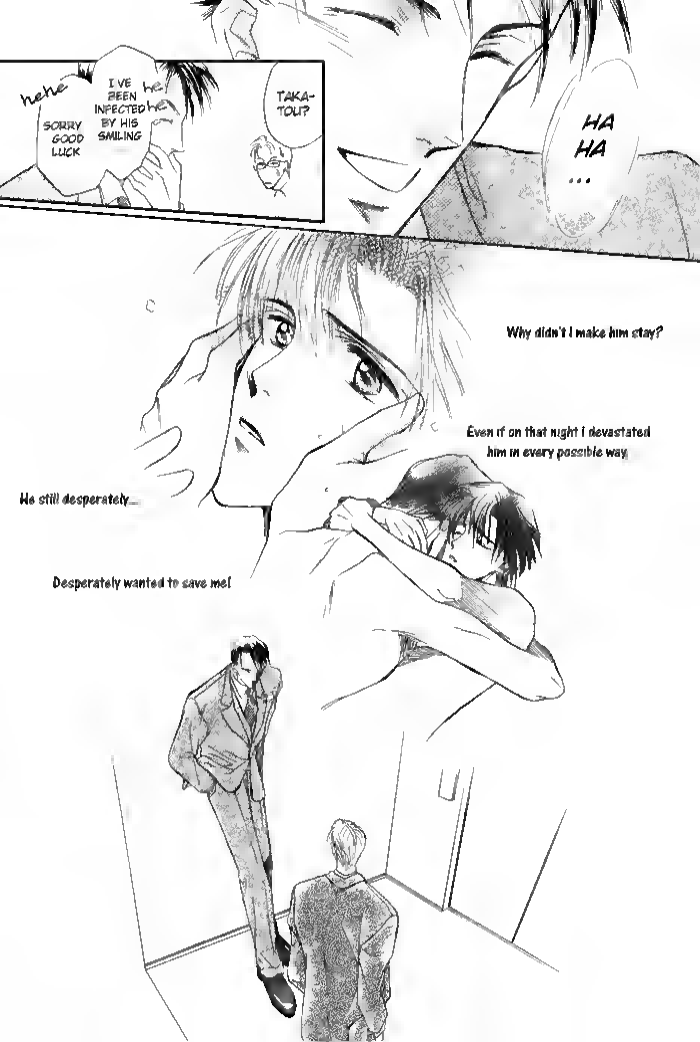
Ah
Ah
Nn
Nn
TAKA-TOU-SAN
I didn't want to embrace him like that.
Takatou-san... This much... I treasure him this much...

YOU THOUGHT I WAS A KID WHO DIDN'T KNOW ANY-THING
THAT'S WHY YOU WERE SO NICE TO ME, RIGHT?
TAKATOU-SAN...
...
I DON'T HAVE THE KIND OF KNOWLEDGE AND UPBRINGING TAKATOU-SAN DOES.
BUT I...
I ALSO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOVE SOMEONE

1
IS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO LOVE SOMEONE A SECOND TIME?
SLAM
CHIK
That's not it. I didn't mean that
I'm the one who resembles an ignorant child
I was just shocked and jealous...

TAKATOU,
LONG TIME NO SEE.
Sakazaki...
CLICK
If in the past he liked a "certain person,"
Then his feelings must have run extremely deep
Because his eyes are always so straightforward.
I HEARD OF YOUR MARRIAGE. CONGRATULATIONS.
The person I really don't want to see the right now.
AH, YOU'RE REALLY WELL INFORMED
SAKAZAKI
Damn it...
OH RIGHT
I HAVE SOME GOOD INFORMATION

Takatou san
SAKAZAKI, THAT'S
CHESTNUTS THE WOMEN IN MY DEPARTMENT ASKED ME TO BUY IT FROM THE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
THE TEASHOP THERE IS SELLING IT. AND I HEARD THAT IT'S VERY DELICIOUS
SO! WHAT INFORMATION?
THERE'S A VENDOR ALONG THIS ROAD THE CHESTNUTS SOLD THERE ARE EVEN MORE DELICIOUS
TWO GRANDPARENTS AND THEIR GRANDCHILD ARE DOING IT.
AH
IT'S REALLY GOOD
AH?


HA HA ...
TAKA-TOU?
I'VE BEEN INFECTED BY HIS SMILING
hehe
SORRY GOOD LUCK
Why didn't I make him stay?
Even if on that night I devastated him in every possible way
He still desperately...
Desperately wanted to save me!

SPLASH!
TAKATOU-SAN
RYOUICHI-ROU!
IT STARTED RAINING SO GRANDPA LEFT AFTER CLEANING UP THE BOOTH
I—
I
THANK GOODNESS I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU ANYMORE AFTER IT RAINED

I'M SORRY
OH— I WANTED TO GIVE THIS
AH! WATER GOT INTO THE BAG
IF YOU'RE WILLING TO FORGIVE ME
RYOU
I THOUGHT THAT I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, BUT—
Akaka
I STILL PEELED THIS UNKNOWINGLY, AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT
BUT IT'S NOT EDIBLE ANYMORE
AH?
RUSTLE
munch munch munch
F-w...

The chestnuts in Ryouichiroh's bag, some sweet and some bitter,

Soaked into my heart.

PURE / END

ひろ子

この作品の「夜の果 鳥たち」読んでいただいたかたの「エリートサラリーマンと年下の少年」は 恋愛初心者の王道ラブストーリーと思われるかもしれませんが、本当は人生論でした。

基本 元気で 前向きで 少々 空回って、この様な男子がいたら 人生 とても楽しい。この漫画 鳥たちの 笑い声 聞こえていて 大変気に入っています。

仕事に 恋愛に 悩んでいる女の子たちに 読んでほしい。

最後のセンテンス 読んでいただけたら 「恋とは、育てるもの」と言えるようになるでしょう。

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"本に棲む"

'96年も、同人誌で描いた話です。オリジナルのBOYS ラブ物で、描いたトーテル数が、ようやく100枚越えた頃。(この本の様にちょうどトリカブトにぼかし)

「熊耳な指先」も そうですが、老っていう若い人と、我れ知る人というのは、私にとって大事なテーマのひとつみたい。

でも、むずかしいね。

今より若くて、描かれないナビ。カタルシスとか、気に入っている1本です。

この本を描いておりましたら、オリジナルを描く楽しさが、かえってわかる気がします。

Naomi & Tsukasa

水に棲む
Living in the water

水に棲む

Mizu ni Sumu

On a slightly bright, rainy morning,

My mom, Nahomi, had been newly married for six months,

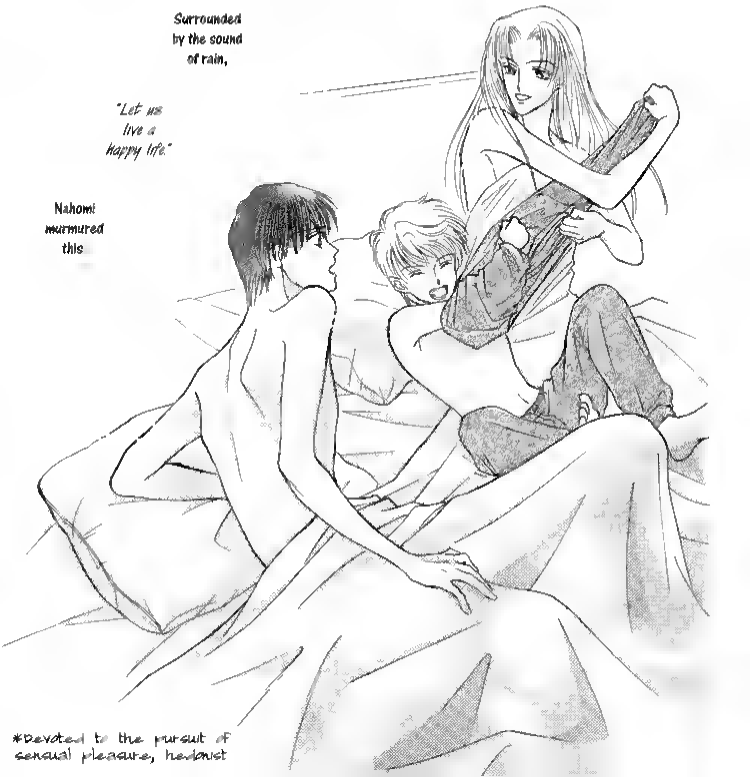
She was an optimist, a liberalist, and an Epicurean *

Mother, who was 38 years old at the time, and step-father, who was only 18, had me pressed between their nude bodies

Surrounded by the sound of rain,

"Let us live a happy life."

Nahomi murmured this



*Devoted to the pursuit of sensual pleasure, hedonist

But, for the first time, I had this kind of thought. I want to have Tsukasa's child, a child that simultaneously possesses half of Tsukasa and half of myself.

Since a long time ago I've wanted a child.

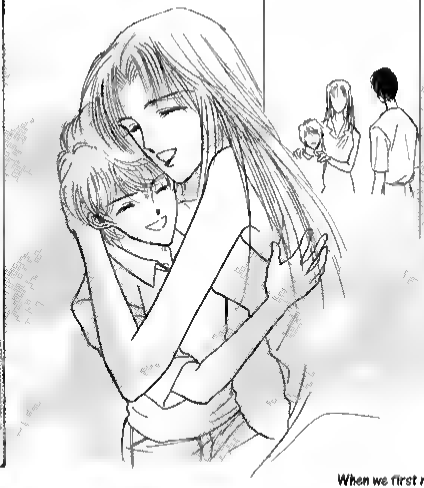
My name is Nahomi, and this child is Naomi.

A child with no father, one that belongs just to me.

Not only do our names have similar pronunciations, even our looks and personalities are exactly the same.

And then, allow my own child and our child to become brothers.

If it were Tsukasa's child, I would love them as my own younger brother or sister.



When we first met, you were only 16 years old. I was nearly twice your age.

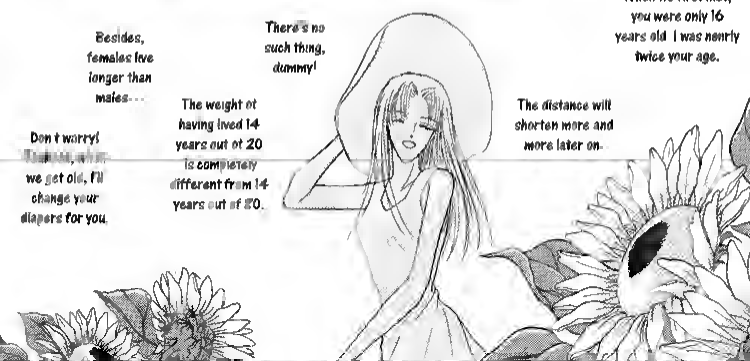
Besides, females live longer than males...

There's no such thing, dummy!

The weight of having lived 14 years out of 20 is completely different from 14 years out of 80.

The distance will shorten more and more later on.

Don't worry! [illegible] we get old, I'll change your diapers for you.

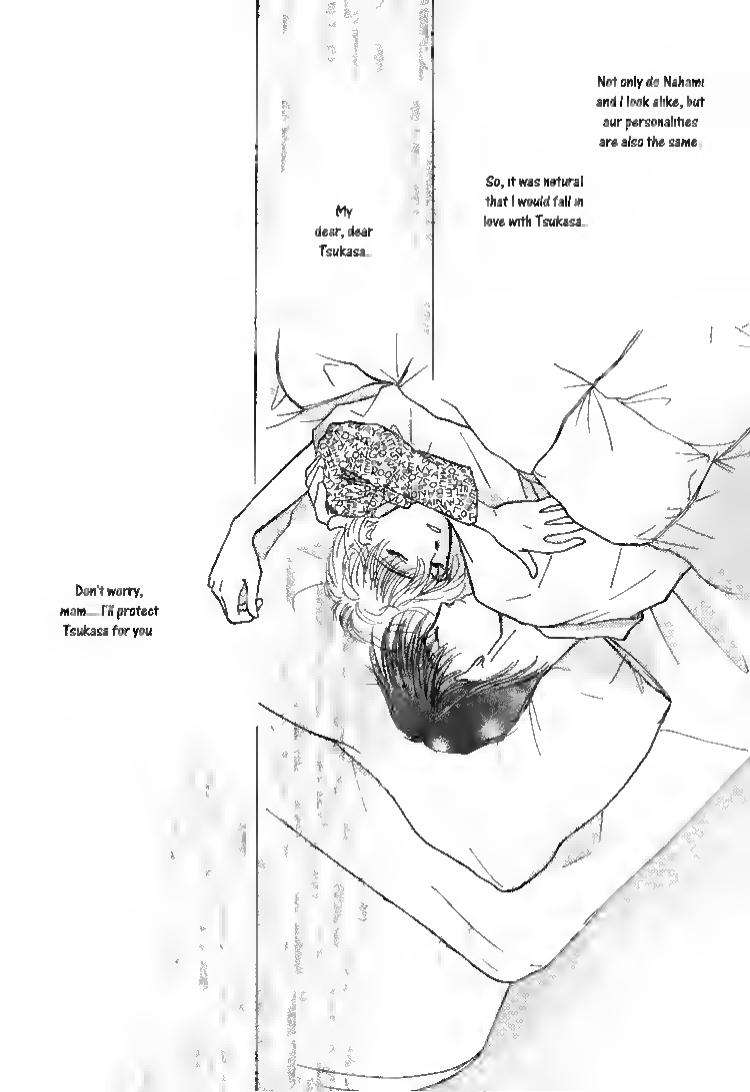


She clearly said this...
NAHOMI-SAN!
WHY DID YOU... SO QUICKLY...
Separated for-ever after only being together for two years.
TAKE CARE OF ME, TSU-KASA...
UNTIL I BECOME AN ADULT...
I didn't believe that I would become his burden.
NAOMI-KUN..

DON'T WORRY.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
I'LL LET YOU GROW UP PROPERLY.
I couldn't let him do that.
LET THE TWO OF US LIVE ON TOGETHER, NAOMI.

Tsukasa, who had no home to return to, who only had Nahomi and I...
If he felt no obligation to raise me, he might've died.

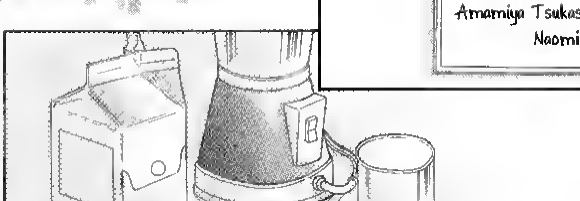
I FEARED YOU WOULD BE LONELY SO...
TEAR
NO, NOT YET.
SORRY! NAOMI-KUN, ARE YOU ASLEEP?
Knock Knock
EXTREMELY LONELY, TSUKASA
MM...
Y-YEAH! I'M VERY LONELY.
GREAT, CLIMB INTO MY BED!
YEAH. .
TSUKASA, CAN YOU SLEEP TO-GETHER WITH ME?


Not only do Nahami and I look alike, but our personalities are also the same.
So, it was natural that I would fall in love with Tsukasa...
My dear, dear Tsukasa...
Don't worry, mom... I'll protect Tsukasa for you

I'M HOME...
HE'S NOT HOME YET.
SWITCH, SWITCH
NAOMI?

An empty
water tank...

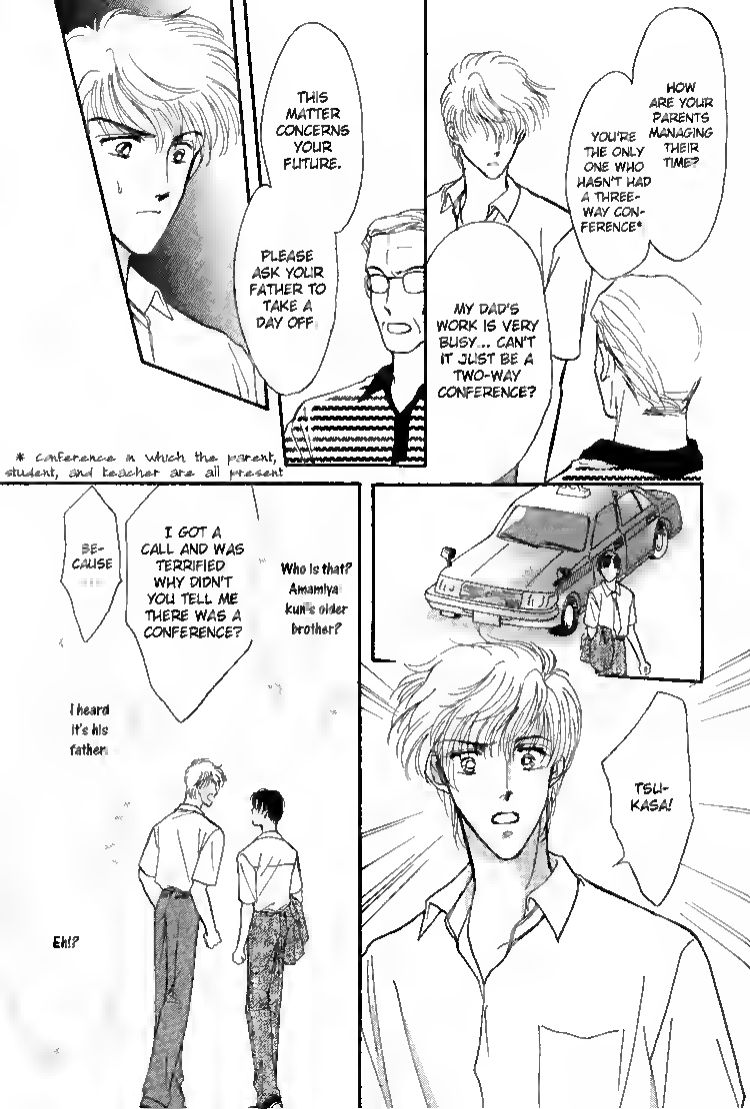
Amamiya Tsukasa
Naomi



SO YOU DRINK THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, TOO
NO WONDER YOU GREW SO MUCH IN YOUR THIRD YEAR.
TSUKASA, YOU LOOK PALE. WHAT TIME DID YOU SLEEP LAST NIGHT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU CONTINUE SLEEPING?
UM... 4:30...
THE DEADLINE IS COMING UP.
Tsukasa kept his promise and raised me
I'LL STILL GROW MORE!
Right now, the work he does at home has reached its proper course.
Before that, he was unsociable. But now, he's even in the service industry
AFTER FINISHING THIS, I CAN GO ON SUMMER VACATION WITH NAOMI.
YEAH...

But, Tsukasa was unusually innocent. If I'd confessed to him, he might've said that it was unfair to Naohmi.
The truth is, when Naohmi was still alive, I had already fallen in love with Tsukasa.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
IT'S ALMOST TIME.
So I decided to be his son for the time being
OKAY, HAVE A SAFE TRIP!
THEN I'M LEAVING, DAD.
This father son game is extremely delightful
Just not a typical Father-and-son relationship
Besides,

AMAMIYA-KUN!
YOU'RE NOT ATTENDING SUMMER CLASSES?
WHICH CRAM SCHOOL ARE YOU GOING TO? YOU'RE GOING TO COLLEGE RIGHT?
I'M GOING ON VACATION WITH FAMILY THIS SUMMER.
THAT DOESN'T SUIT ME
AMAMIYA SURE IS CAREFREE
PEOPLE WITH GOOD GRADES ARE REALLY DIFFERENT
Yeah.
Mmm
Is that so?
EXACTLY, SO SORRY
YOU...
ANGER
AMA-MIYA!


HOW ARE YOUR PARENTS MANAGING THEIR TIME?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T HAD A THREE-WAY CONFERENCE*
MY DAD'S WORK IS VERY BUSY... CAN'T IT JUST BE A TWO-WAY CONFERENCE?
THIS MATTER CONCERNS YOUR FUTURE.
PLEASE ASK YOUR FATHER TO TAKE A DAY OFF.
* conference in which the parent, student, and teacher are all present
TSU-KASA!
Who is that? Amamiya-kun's older brother?
I GOT A CALL AND WAS TERRIFIED WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THERE WAS A CONFERENCE?
BE-CAUSE
I heard it's his father.
Eh!?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. I AM AMAMIYA NAOMI'S STEPFATHER.
AH... STEP-FATHER?
PARDON ME BUT HOW OLD ARE YOU?
SEN-SEI!!
NAOMI!
MY FATHER'S AGE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
BUT...
UH...

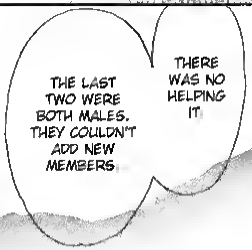
THAT GUY WAS TOO RUDE, LOOKING DOWN ON PEOPLE!
FLOP

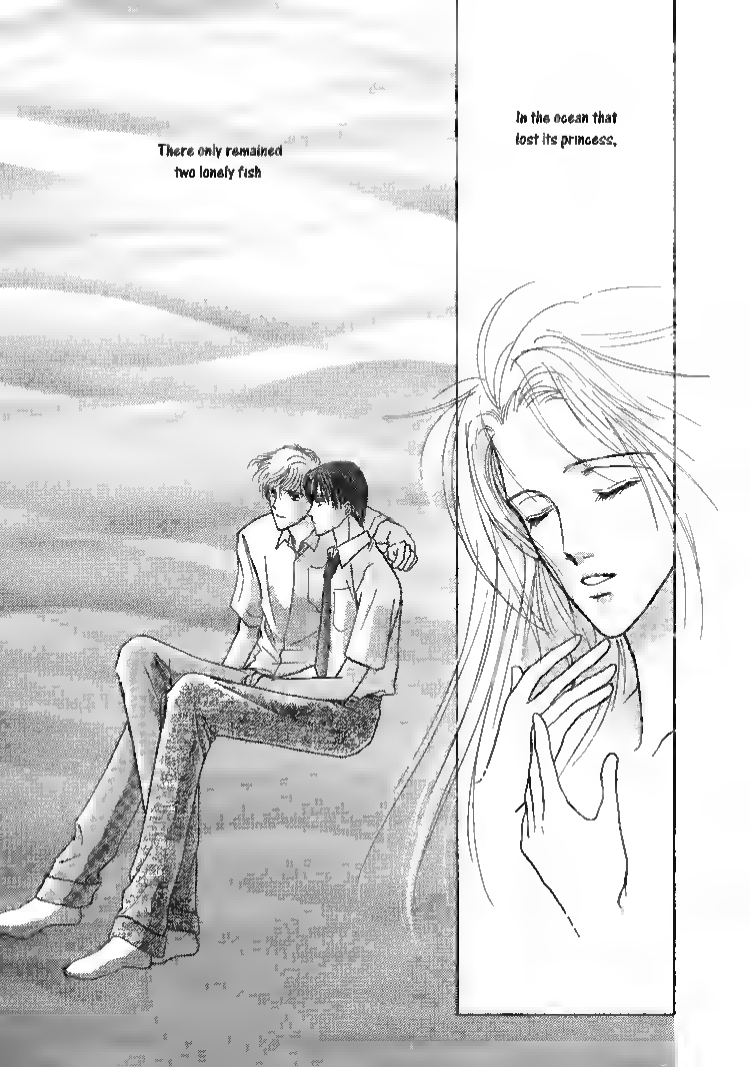
IT'S MY FAULT FOR BEING SUCH A USELESS FATHER SORRY, NAOMI
I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE INTERVIEW I ALSO DIDN'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT THE JOINT COLLEGE EXAM...
EVEN IF NAHOMI KNEW, SHE WOULDN'T COME
TSUKASA, YOU'RE ALREADY DOING YOUR BEST
Tsukasa and I
In his eyes, perhaps we're a very odd pair of father and son
But Nahomi isn't here anymore
He's the only one who can share this pain with me
TSUKASA, YOUR HAND IS HOT.
HAVING A CON-FERENCE WHEN I'M LACKING SLEEP, OF ALL TIMES...
DON'T THINK ANY-MORE

THE WATER TANK...
EH?
IT'S BEEN EMPTY ALL THIS TIME. SO LONELY
YEAH...
NAHOMI KEPT A LOT OF FISH BACK THEN. AFTERWARDS THEY JUST DECREASED ONE BY ONE
BUT, THE LAST TWO DID ALL THEY COULD TO CONTINUE LIVING

Tsukasa has always loved them dearly.
Those tropical fish Nahomi kept.
MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE THE WAY I RAISED THEM WAS NO GOOD?

But, he didn't buy new ones to raise.




There only remained
two lonely fish
In the ocean that
lost its princess.

Grab...
Tsukasa's brooding.
That's Nahomi's favorite glass.
Every time Tsukasa is distressed, he'll start cleaning it
Nahomi's...
CRASH

I'M SORRY, I...
NAHOMI'S GLASS..
LEAVE IT IF IT'S BROKEN GET A VACUUM CLEANER.
ARE YOU HURT, NAOMI?
TAP
TAP

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? LET ME SEE...
AH...
TSU-KASA!
oh

The blood—
tasted salty

After that, Tsukasa constantly hid in his room.
NAOMI, DO YOU WANT SOME MANDARIN COFFEE?
SURE.
NAOMI, YOU'RE AN EXAM STUDENT THIS YEAR, SO WHY DON'T WE MOVE THE VACATION TO NEXT YEAR?
WHY? MY STUDIES ARE FINE.
YOU ALSO RUSHED TO FINISH YOUR WORK!
AND THE TWO OF US HAVE NEVER WENT ON A VACATION BEFORE
REALLY ..?

NAOMI, WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
THE SE,A-SHORE!
I WANT TO CATCH COLORFUL FISH TO EAT. WHAT WOULD THEY TASTE LIKE?
Ha ha
I DON'T THINK THOSE FISH CAN BE EATEN...
Great... Tsukasa is smiling...

IN AUGUST, YOU'LL BE THE SAME AGE I WAS WHEN I MARRIED NAHOMI.
YOU GOT MARRIED PARTICU-LARLY EARLY
I'M STILL A LONG WAY FROM THAT...

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Amamiya Tsukasa
NAOMI, THE MONEY YOUR MOTHER LEFT BEHIND IS ALL IN THIS BANKBOOK.
DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH IT.
WHEN I GOT MARRIED, I DIDN'T GET ANYONE'S BLESSINGS. SO WHEN YOU GET MARRIED, I HOPE I CAN GIVE YOU NAHOMI'S SHARE OF BLESSINGS AS WELL.
IF THERE'S SOMEONE YOU LIKE, AND YOU WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH THAT PERSON, JUST LET ME KNOW.

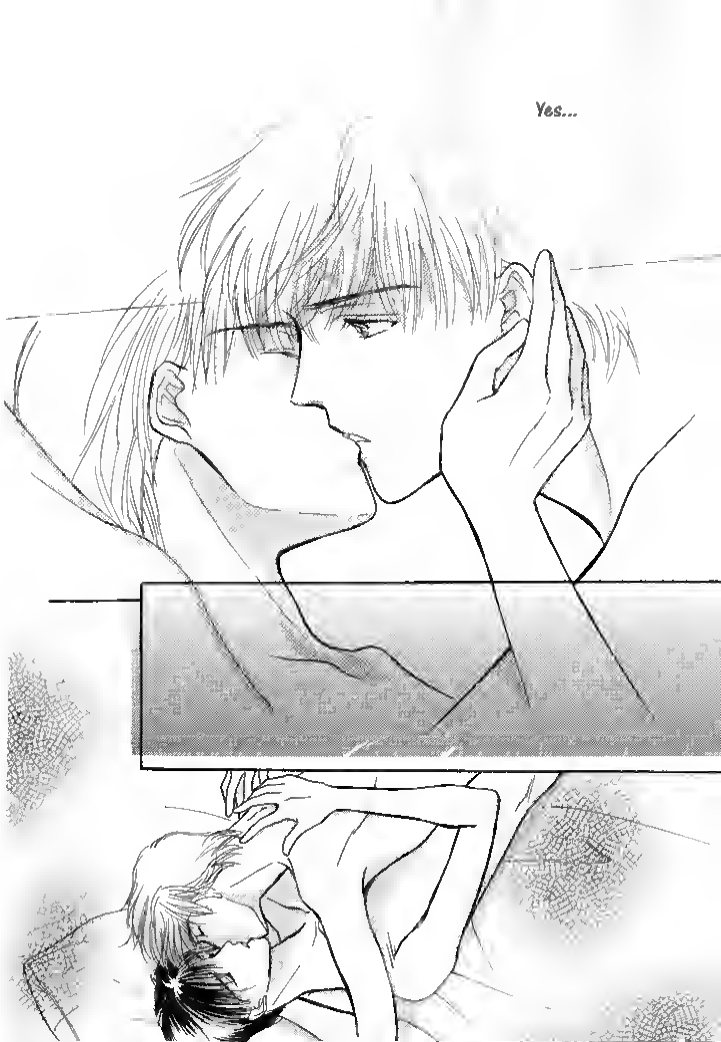
NAOMI?
Drip
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS?
TSUKASA
WHY...?

NAOMI
NAOMI, DINNER
I DON'T NEED IT
DON'T THROW A TANTRUM LIKE A CHILD.
I AM A CHILD! I'M TSUKASA'S SON
SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN MORE LIKE AN ADULT THAN I HAVE
YOU BECAME AN ADULT IN MY PLACE AND MADE UP FOR MY INADEQUACIES.

I'M GRATE-FUL.
WHEN NAHOMI WAS ALIVE, THE THREE OF US ALWAYS SLEPT TOGETHER...
REMEMBER, TSUKASA? THE FIRST TIME YOU SLEPT OVER AT MY HOUSE, I ATTACKED YOU BY SURPRISE AND NAHOMI RETALIATED.
I RE-MEMBER. SHE TOOK OFF YOUR PAJAMAS AND PULLED YOU ONTO THE BED
IT GAVE ME A BIG SHOCK. I DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS A HABIT OF THE AMANIYA FAMILY

I WAS REALLY JEALOUS THEN
JEALOUS OF NAHOMI AND TSUKASA, WHO SLEPT TOGETHER IN THE NUDE.
DO YOU FEEL LONELY? WANT TO SLEEP TOGETHER?
Heh
.....
OKAY
LIKE THE WAY YOU AND NAHOMI DID, WITHOUT CLOTHES ON?

I WANT TO DO THE THINGS TSUKASA DID TO NAHOMI. CAN I?


Yes...

I've fallen asleep around him before, yet never noticed...
SO TSUKASA'S BODY CAN BECOME THIS HOT...
Ah
.....

NAOMI...
THUMP
Nahomi..?
NA...
MI...
Naomi...

NAOMI?
I LOVE YOU, NAOMI
YEAH...
TSUKASA
YEAH...

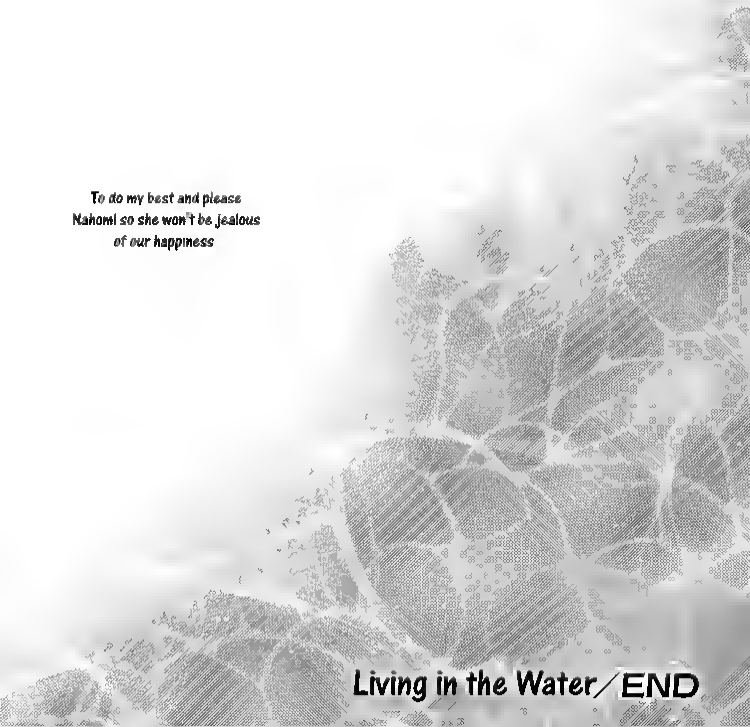
"I love you, Naomi _____"
—SINCE WHEN?
THE DAY OF NAHOMI'S FUNERAL.
—THE DAY YOU SAVED ME
THAT WAS PROBABLY THE START.
From that day forward, I've loved you.

I CAN'T FACE NAHOMI-SAN ANY-MORE,
NOW THAT OUR RELA-TIONSHIP HAS BECOME LIKE THIS.
NO SUCH THING.
SEEING THE HUSBAND AND CHILD SHE LEFT BEHIND HAPPY,
SHE MIGHT EVEN THINK THAT I HAVE VERY GOOD TASTE
Let us live a happy life!

Let's go catch some
fish at the seashore!

I decided to fill Nahomi's
water tank up with water.

To do my best and please
Nahomi so she won't be jealous
of our happiness



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おぶおぶ おたおた へろへろ とろとろと 猫を follow する私を支えてくれた 全ての人達に 感謝を。
言いたいことが うまく言葉にできない今 また マンガを描 (か) いていこうと 思います。

最後に読んでくださった皆様に 感謝を。また お会いしましょう!

2006年 3月吉日 Kiyo Nomori
with love

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